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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: SE-24: Communist Charges of US Use of Biological Warfare

1. The representatives of all of the IAC agencies except the Air Force have indicated satisfaction with the paper.

2. The Air Force representative was originally instructed to argue for the inclusion of a statement to the effect that the Communist propaganda campaign might be in preparation for the initiation of general war by the USSR. However, none of the other agencies showed any sympathy with this contention, and at the end of the meeting the Air Force representative stated that certain revisions, which had been made in the concluding sections of the paper, might overcome the original Air Force objections.

3. The general feeling of the IAC representatives was that no firm conclusions as to the true purposes of the campaign could be reached on the basis of available evidence, but that since the campaign was still under way additional clues as to its motives might emerge within the near future.

4. I quote from item #2 of the memorandum transmitting SE-24 to the IAC:

"TABS 'A', 'B', and 'C' have not been coordinated. These are submitted at this time for your information and for review by the IAC representatives. If the IAC representatives request a meeting on the TABS, we will schedule one in time to permit their publication with the estimate itself. In any event we propose to solicit final IAC concurrences on the TABS by telephone."

*Concurrence already from 9.16.52 State posit. O from A2 conl*

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